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*Areca*s, *Kentias*, *Phoenix*, and *Pandanus*. I killed them by dusting powdered pyrethrum into the buds."

It would be interesting to know if the larvae also feed on the palms.

REPORTS OF MEETINGS OF THE FLORIDA ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Sept. 27, 1920. The Society met in Language Hall at 4:30, President Merrill in the chair. The following members were present: Merrill, Chaffin, Stirling, Davis, Reese, Fattig, Watson, Berger, Stone, Montgomery.

Letters were read from U. C. Loftin, Tucson, Ariz., and H. B. Loding, Mobile, Ala. Mr. Loding suggested the use of a weak solution of cyanide in the Loftin mosquito traps. In the discussion which followed the consensus of opinion was that such a procedure would be dangerous for general use.

The paper of the evening on "Diseases of Bees" was given by C. A. Reese. He gave a brief but comprehensive statement of the diseases of honey bees and their treatment. (This information will appear in *The Florida Grower*.)

Under the heading of Brief and Timely Notes, Mr. Stirling called attention to the meeting of the state beekeepers which would be held in Gainesville on Oct. 6. Professor Watson presented a chart showing the relation of the winter weather to the abundance of the Velvet Bean Caterpillar the following season. It appears that very severe frosts cause the extermination of the insects and results in smaller numbers and later arrival the following season. The milder frosts during the past two years have resulted in an increasing amount of injury.

Mrs. S. F. Richmond of Loughman, Fla., and Miss Stella Brodnax of Jacksonville were elected to membership in the Society.

Oct. 25, 1920. The Society met in Language Hall at 4:30. Mr. H. P. Loding, proprietor of The Gem Floral Garden, Mobile, Ala., and Professor R. W. Harned, Agric. Coll., Miss., were elected members.

The paper of the evening was given by Dr. Montgomery on the Mexican Bean Beetle which has recently obtained a foothold in Alabama. The speaker called attention to the severe damage inflicted by this insect on beans and cowpeas and the freedom

of velvet beans from attack, and the danger of its ultimately reaching Florida. In the discussion that followed Professor Watson stressed the point that the name "bean" as applied to the velvet bean was more or less of a misnomer, that the plant was not very closely related to the true beans and that there are comparatively few insect pests common to the two, so that it is not surprising that the Mexican Bean Beetle does not attack velvet beans. A motion was passed that a committee of three, of whom the Secretary be one, be appointed to prepare resolutions pointing out the danger to Florida from this beetle and urging that growers refrain from securing forage from the infested region.

Under Brief and Timely Notes, Professor Watson read a letter from a physician at Hawthorn, Fla., reporting on two cases of poisoning by the bite of the "Black Widow" spider. Both showed extreme symptoms of nervous and gastric disturbances. The latter were so pronounced that when one of the patients was rushed to a hospital in Jacksonville he was at once operated on for appendicitis.

J. H. MONTGOMERY, Sec'y.

Nov. 29, 1920. The Society met in Language Hall at 4:30 p. m. with President Merrill in the chair. Dr. O. F. Burger, the new Plant Pathologist at the Experiment Station, was elected to membership. A letter from the President of the Am. Ass. Econ. Ent. addressed to President Merrill requesting that a representative of the Society be appointed to attend the Chicago meeting of the Association in December was read. The President appointed Mr. F. M. O'Byrne as our representative at the above meeting.

The subject of the evening's program was "A Discussion of Dr. Pierce's Lectures on Entomology" which was led by Dr. E. W. Berger.

Under Brief and Timely Notes Prof. Watson spoke of the introduction of a mite from Canada which was parasitic on the Oyster-shell Scale and the advisability of determining if this mite would work on the closely related Purple Scale. On account of the small number of members who would be in Gainesville during the last week of December it was decided to have no meeting at that time.

FRANK STIRLING, Secretary pro tem.